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1. CHARGE CALLED ON SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS OCTOBER 6 TO DISCUSS US VIEWS ON GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS (REF A), AND GAVE SYG COPY OF TALKING POINTS DRAWN FROM PARAS 3-5, REF A.

2. AFTER STUDYING TALKING POINTS, LUNS SAID HE AGREED THAT AN OPEN-ENDED AD HOC GROUP UNDER THE DPC SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED TO ADDRESS DETAILED ASPECTS OF THE GREECE-NATO RELATIONSHIP. HE ASSUMED THAT ALL DPC MEMBERS, EXCEPT PERHAPS A FEW OF THE SMALLER DELEGATIONS, WOULD WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WORK OF THIS GROUP. LUNS SAID HE BELIEVED THERE WAS ALSO AN IMPORTANT ROLE FOR NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING SACEUR, CONFIDENTIAL

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IN DEALING WITH THE SPECIFIC MILITARY PROBLEMS INVOLVED. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT USE OF THE WORD "PRIVATELY" TO DESCRIBE SACEUR'S WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH GREEK REPS ON THESE PROBLEMS (PARA 5, REF A)

COULD BE MISUNDERSTOOD BY OTHER DELEGATIONS IF THEY TOOK THE WORD TO MEAN THAT THE POLITICAL LEVEL WERE TO BE EXCLUDED FROM CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES BEING ADDRESSED BY SACEUR. LUNS SAID THAT SACEUR COULD, OF COURSE, HAVE PRIVATE CONVERSATIONS WITH ANY OF THE MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES AT SHAPE, BUT SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO THIS SHOULD BE AVOIDED. LUNS UNDERSTOOD THAT MILITARY AUTHORITIES HAD BEEN WORKING ALL ALONG ON SPECIFIC MILITARY ISSUES RAISED BY GREEK ACTION REGARDING GREECE'S COOPERATION WITH NATO. HOWEVER, WITH RESPECT TO A BROADER MANDATE FOR SACEUR ON THE GREECE-NATO RELATIONSHIP, HE BELIEVED THAT PROCEDURALLY THE NEXT STEP SHOULD BE A FURTHER STATEMENT BY GREECE ON WHAT IT WANTS ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO TO BE.

3. LUNS SAID THAT, AS HE HAD MENTIONED AT PERMREPS LUNCH SEPTEMBER 30 (REF B), HE HAD DISCUSSED NEXT STEPS WITH GREEK PERMREP THEODOROPOULOS. LUNS SAID HE HAD STRESSED TO THEODOROPOULOS THAT THE GREEKS SHOULD NOT PLACE NATO IN A POSITION OF TAKING THE INITIATIVE TO NEGOTIATE A LIMITED ROLE FOR GREECE IN THE ALLIANCE, THAT THE GREEKS MUST MAKE CLEAR WHAT THEY WANT THEIR RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO TO BE, AND THAT NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BEGIN WITH THE QUESTION OF THE UNILATERAL ACTIONS GREECE HAD ALREADY TAKEN TO LIMIT COOPERATION WITH NATO. LUNS SAID HE WOULD NOT WAIT INDEFINITELY FOR A GREEK RESPONSE TO HIS DEMARCHE, BUT FELT HE SHOULD GIVE THEODOROPOULOS ANOTHER WEEK TO PRESENT FURTHER VIEWS. THE FOLLOWING STEP, EVEN IF THE GREEKS HAD NOTHING FURTHER TO SAY AT THIS TIME, WOULD BE ANOTHER MEETING OF THE DPC WHERE LUNS SAID HE PLANNED TO PROPOSE GENERAL TERMS OF REFERENCE THAT THE INTERNATIONAL STAFF WAS DEVELOPING FOR GREECE-NATO NEGOTIATIONS.

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4. CHARGE URGED THAT TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DPC DISCUSSION SUPPORT OUR PROPOSAL FOR AN AD HOC WORKING GROUP UNDER THE DPC AND ALSO PROVIDE A CLEAR MANDATE FOR SACEUR TO WORK ON MILITARY PROBLEMS OF GREECE-NATO RELATIONSHIP. HE AGREED IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE TO DROP THE WORD "PRIVATELY" IN DESCRIBING SACEUR'S POTENTIAL ROLE. LUNS, FOR HIS PART, AGREED IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO DISCUSS US APPROACH WITH OTHER REPRESENTATIVES, BUT ASKED SPECIFICALLY THAT THE US NOT APPROACH THE GREEK DELEGATION AT NATO IN ADVANCE OF DPC MEETING. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT GREEKS WOULD SEIZE ON APPROACH BY US AND EMPHASIS

WE PLACED ON SACEUR'S WORKING OUT PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN ORDER TO AVOID FURTHER CLARIFICATION OF GREECE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH NATO. LUNS BELIEVES GREEKS HAVE NO INTEREST IN SPEEDY NEGOTIATIONS AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO SPIN OUT TALKS FOR OVER A YEAR. MOREOVER, HE FEARS THAT A US BILATERAL APPROACH TO GREEKS AT NATO HEADQUARTERS COULD BE USED BY GREEKS TO NATO'S DISADVANTAGE IF GREEKS WERE TO STATE IN ADVANCE OF DPC DISCUSSION THAT US AND GREECE HAD REACHED AGREEMENT ON HOW TO PROCEED IN NATO-GREEK NEGOTIATIONS THAT MIGHT BE CONSTRUED AS PREEMPTING LEGITIMATE ROLES OF OTHER ALLIES. CHARE MENTIONED THAT US AMBASSADOR AT ATHENS WAS INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY OUR VIEWS TO GREEK AUTHORITIES, WHICH DID NOT SPARK SAME CONCERNS FROM LUNS, AND CHARGE ALSO SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF LUNS' STRONG VIEWS AND PENDING FURTHER GUIDANCE FROM WASHINGTON HE WOULD NOT PROVIDE US VIEWS TO GREEK NATO DELEGATION.

5. COMMENT: SYG'S OFFICE HAS AGREED TO PROVIDE US WITH SUBSTANCE OF TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR NEGOTIATION ON GREECE-NATO RELATIONS THAT SYG IS CONSIDERING BEFORE THEY ARE DISCUSSED IN DPC, AND WE WILL REPORT ON THESE BY SEPTEL. WE WILL ALSO DISCUSS THIS WEEK APPROACH IN PARAS 3-5, REF A, WITH KEY DPC DELEGATIONS; HOWEVER, UNLESS INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY WE WILL NOT TAKE INITIATIVE TO REVIEW OUR APPROACH WITH THE GREEKS HERE IN LIGHT OF CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY SECRETARY GENERAL, WHOSE SUPPORT WILL BE ESSENTIAL IN OBTAINING CONFIDENTIAL

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